

TRAMPS IN THE PARK.

There Were a Dozen of Them Drunk and Singing.

THE OFFICERS CAPTURE SIX.

It is Said a Teakettle Must Get Full of Water Before It Will Sing, But Man, Proud Man, is No Teakettle.

A dozen victims of the present financial depression who have tramped from one end of the country to the other in search of "work" that presenteth not itself, and also in search of pie, enjoyed a glorious drunk in the city park last night. Alcohol, or in the phraseology of the craft, "white-horse," was the form of liquor used. As the bottle became lighter its contents got in its work. The tramps sang tunes that possessed neither the merits of harmony nor sentiment; and used language and expletives that were stronger than the liquid refreshments. They made considerable noise, so much so in fact that the neighbors around them couldn't sleep and sent for the police. Sergeant Donovan accompanied by Officers Campbell and Davis went to the place and by skillful maneuvering in the grass and in the shade of friendly trees, managed to get close to the disturbers of the peace. A grand rush was made in which six of the gang were captured. The tramp with the "white horse" escaped, as the officers were on foot. In the police court today the men gave their names as Charles White, John Groghan, James Williams, Frank Martin, James O'Brien and Charles Orendoff. They all pleaded guilty except O'Brien who denied being drunk. After hearing the evidence Judge Ensminger announced, "I fine you fifteen dollars, and if you ever come back here again I will fine you a hundred dollars." "I wouldn't care if I wuz guilty," O'Brien growled, "but I'm gittin' tired of it."

"Take him out, or I'll fine him fifteen more," the judge said.

All the members of the gang were old offenders and were committed to the rock pile.

Other Cases.

Hack Driver Wm. Duffy has been arrested on a warrant sworn to by a neighbor for alleged violation of the ordinance which prevents chickens from running at large.

Officer Parker arrested a young railroad man last night who can speak seven different languages. He was drunk and is said to have insulted a number of women, all in the English language, however. He forfeited a \$5 deposit.

John Casey, one of Sergeant Steele's "suspects," was brought in last night because he was in the Union Pacific yards trying to sell a valuable silk lap-robe for 50 cents. He is held pending an investigation.

Fate Russell was fined \$15 for disturbing the calm of his "woman" Ada Burch. Fate borrowed 15 cents from the Burch woman saying he wanted to "shoot a little craps." He didn't shoot craps and didn't go back so Ada Burch started after him. They met in the alley back of Whiting's paint shop and enjoyed a domestic quarrel which was continued after they had returned home. Fate tried to hit the woman with a lamp, and he tore her jacket into shreds. She brought this into court as evidence. She also said that Fate dragged her half a block by the wrists. She said she was badly bruised but didn't show the court the bruises in evidence. Anyway, the court didn't want to see them. Ada Burch who was also charged with disturbing the peace was discharged.

THIS IS HOW THEY FEEL.

A Topeka Democratic Business Man Writes a Pointed Letter.

One of the most prominent business firms on Kansas avenue today received an invitation from three drummers for eastern wholesale houses, asking the firm to meet at the Midland hotel in Kansas City and inspect their samples.

The senior member of the firm, who is a Democrat, has written the following reply to the invitation:

M. E. Ellis, A. C. Brown and Others:

GENTLEMEN: You are undoubtedly all good fellows, and were it expedient for us to come to Kansas City we could and surely would have a good time, good dinner, good beer and a good bill of goods with each of you. But alas, alas, the great Babylon is fallen, trade and prosperity have crumbled away; the "horn of the hunter" calls only the bats and owls from amidst the cobwebs of desolation, while the pale phantom, death, rides astride the skeleton of silver and tariff through the halls of congress and Grover goes a-begging. So, good-bye, boys, until we meet on the other shore in the sweet bye and bye. Yours, in sackcloth, etc.

SURE OF HIS DISTRICT.

Ed. Greer Has the Backing of the Third for Congressman-at-Large.

Editor E. P. Greer of Winfield is in the city. Mr. Greer is considered as a very promising candidate for the nomination for congressman-at-large. In speaking of his candidacy today, he said: "I am not saying much about the situation. Of course I have hopes of securing the nomination, or I wouldn't be in the fight. I am sure of one thing, and that is that I will have almost the unanimous support of the delegates from my congressional district."

THE DEATH RECORD.

Miss Lida Mosser, aged 19 years, died yesterday evening at the residence of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Mosser, 215 Tyler street, of typhoid fever. The funeral will occur tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from the residence.

Strickland Wadlington, aged 39 years, died yesterday of stricture, at his residence, 321 Madison street. Notice of the funeral will be given later.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Worstell of 302 Madison street, died of cholera infantum and was buried Sunday afternoon from the residence.

A new kind of advertisement has been issued. It is a neat little pamphlet entitled, "What Congress is Doing." On the last page of the cover is the firm's advertisement, and between the covers are nothing but blank leaves.

Becke's Little Giant Pills

Are the most complete pill on the market, besides being the cheapest, as one pill is a dose, and forty cents in each bottle. Every pill guaranteed to give satisfaction by W. R. Kennady, 4th and Kas. Ave.

STATEMENT FROM CRANE.

Opposes Office Holders or Candidates in State Convention.—State Printer'ship.

To Arthur Capper:

In your "Topeka Mail" of May 11th, in reference to the caucus in the Third ward, you say "Senator W. E. Sterne was defeated for delegate. George W. Crane antagonized him because Sterne is for Hudson for state printer."

The fact as stated is correct, but the cause given is not. I have not opposed any one for that reason, but for reasons entirely different.

The fact is, I am opposed to public officials as delegates in conventions, and members of central committees; and also opposed to candidates for public positions sitting in conventions to make platforms and nominations. It is very bad taste for them to do so, and very bad policy for the people to allow it to be done. By "people" I mean the persons who earn their living outside of politics, and who earn the money that pays the taxes to support these public officials.

The history of that caucus is, on Thursday evening the 3rd, Senator Sterne and twelve others, invited guests, got together in the mayor's office and fixed up a ticket of fifteen delegates and fifteen alternates. The ticket contained the name of Senator Sterne and several other public officials, as delegates. It was not a Morrill caucus, and Mr. Sterne opposed a motion to instruct for Mr. Morrill; but it was published in the Capital as a "large and enthusiastic meeting of the voters of the Third ward," and the instructions were published with it. The following day the members of the county central committee for that ward, this being a call for a general caucus on Monday evening the 7th at the Copeland. About one hundred and forty attended. The ticket issued by that caucus did not contain the names of Mayor Harrison, Senator Sterne and several others that were on the ticket made by these select few.

There are many good reasons why public officials and candidates for office should not sit in conventions. After a man has obtained a public position, he is supposed to have what he desired, and should, in decency, be content to let others have a chance. When a man is a candidate for one position, he should keep hands off of candidates for other positions. The occupations of public officials are such that they can utilize six days each week to talk politics, put up states, and fix up jobs; while those of us who have to work for a living have our minds occupied with other things, and at night find it necessary to sleep, while those who are living on using schemes to perpetuate themselves and helpers, in office.

Now, the programme laid out for Senator Sterne was first to be elected a delegate to the county convention, and by the convention to be selected as a delegate to the state convention, and by the delegates to the state convention selected as Shawnee county's member of the state central committee, and by the state central committee to be selected as its chairman to manage the state campaign. I would not be surprised if Major Hudson should try to be made chairman of the county convention, delegate to the state convention, chairman of the state convention, or be again made chairman of its committee on resolutions. All this may seem fair to some, but to me it is not. There is danger of ambitious persons prostituting their positions to purposes not intended by the persons who gave them their positions. My fear is caused by the knowledge that Senator Sterne, weeks ago, before a delegate was named, assured certain candidates for state offices, (not residents of Shawnee county) that "We are going to give you some votes, but you must remember that it is on Major Hudson's account, and his enemies are excited by the prospect of his help in the state printer fight."

Will the state campaign be used for the same purpose, if Senator Sterne is made its chairman? Have I a right to protest? Several weeks ago I sent word to Senator Sterne that I would oppose him in all his ambitions in this line. He will not go to the county convention, and may not go to the state convention. If he is not made chairman of the state central committee, this city will not suffer, because the committee work will be done here anyhow.

I have helped Senator Sterne to office more than once, and have done him valuable political service. When he was made senator it was with the distinct understanding that he should be neutral on the state printer question. He cast two votes (one a proxy), for Major Hudson in the legislative state printer caucus, but I made no objection; I did feel hurt though, at the kicking that was exhibited after my nomination. I will make no mention of the causes that brought about the change in the nominee ten days afterward, except to say that it was by deception.

Now, Mr. Capper, I have tried to make my fights openly. I have never had an assistant, and a large lobby of professional politicians to help me and abuse my opponent.

Some weeks ago, I published in the STATE JOURNAL an open letter to Major Hudson, proposing that at the time of electing the delegates to the county convention for nominating county officers, each of our names be placed on a ticket as candidates for state printer. This would let the people of the county express a choice on the question, and could be considered as instructions in each representative district. Thus, the state printer fight would disappear from the contest for representation. I believe in leaving to the people, the whole people, every question of public importance that can be conveniently submitted to them. The cost would be nothing. The time for holding the convention has not yet been set; there is still plenty of time. All of the tax payers are interested, and it affects them more, even than some are aware. I would much rather trust the vote of the people than the acts of a few politicians. I tried to bring about such a result four years ago, but my opponent would not consent to it. Two years ago the state printer fight entered largely into the representative fight in the city district, probably to the detriment of the city. I won in that fight, but there were no instructions and I lost a vote in the caucus.

It is of no use for Major Hudson's friends to say, "Crane has no right to be a candidate." It is a business position rather than a political one. It is directly in my line of business. (The other candidate cannot say that.) It has been given out as a political reward at high prices long enough, and it is high time to place the work on a business basis, at no higher than fair living prices. I have business to be a candidate and use all honorable means to secure the office, and intend to do so. But I submit that the

fight ought to be a free one, and stripped of as many "entangling alliances" as possible. Above all things the state campaign ought not to be made subservient to the state printer fight. The safest way is to adopt the necessary means to prevent it.

GEO. W. CRANE.

SNAP SHOTS AT HOME NEWS.

S. M. Scott is an old ball player. The junior chorus is rehearsing today. Farmers are complaining of chinch bugs.

There are six babies at the county poor farm. Our summer seems to be coming all in a lump.

Frank Herald now has his law office in the city building.

R. B. Welch is transacting legal business in Osborn county.

Frank Doster is in the city conferring with Populist leaders.

Home grown strawberries will be on the market next week.

Seventy-five horses are now in training at the fair grounds.

The new straw hats have wider rims than those worn last year.

W. I. Lee will have three horses in the races at Denver next month.

The Topeka district M. E. conference will be held at Perry next week.

The new Christian church to be built in North Topeka will cost \$2,000.

A sign on the east entrance to the state house grounds reads: "Keep Grass."

The Rock Island pay car started out on its regular monthly trip this morning.

All early apples were not killed as reported. Some varieties will be abundant.

Frank Mileham and Arthur Massey have horses in training at the fair grounds.

Nick North is no longer connected with the office of the commissioner of elections.

There are lots of tramps in the city and they make a practice of begging at the houses.

Chief of Police H. C. Lindsey has returned from the meeting of city marshals at St. Louis.

There was something peculiar about the show last night—the ushers were quite gentlemanly.

Fresh cases of measles are being reported to the health board at the rate of four or five a day.

Since going to Leavenworth the Sanders army has discovered that Topeka is a mighty nice place.

The senior class of the high school has finished school and the members are preparing their orations.

A burglar made an unsuccessful attempt to enter J. G. Samuelson's residence a few nights ago.

Ringling's circus wagons were hauled across the Kansas avenue bridge twice and the structure still stands.

The elephants and camels were taken away from the show grounds and loaded into the cars at 9 o'clock last night.

Whenever you get to thinking how hard you have to work remember the circus band and stop complaining.

"It seems to me," said a disappointed man at the show, "that all the poor acts and all the thin girls get into my ring."

It takes Col. Vandegrift of General Waggener's command to successfully squelch the smart young man on a street car.

A little woman tried to shoo the hippopotamus with her fan last night but the beast snorted at her and she nearly fainted.

The W. A. L. Thompson hardware company has been given the contract for furnishing radiators for the state buildings.

Whenever a question is to be decided at the high school, it is usually taken to Rev. J. B. Thomas of the school board to be settled.

Don't say that any man can get a job who wants one unless you know of one yourself where the wages are at least a dollar a day.

A live electric wire knocked a horse down last evening on Tenth street between Tyler and Polk. Where is the "city electrician?"

The Ringling show left its wintering quarters at Baraboo, Wisconsin, on Saturday, April 28th, the same day the Sells show left Topeka.

Perry Stafford has just received his new Columbia bicycle. It is the lightest framed wheel in the city and weighs twenty-nine pounds.

The jays were out in force at the circus last night. They allowed the concert man to announce the concert. What is Topeka coming to?

Percy A. Stockbridge, the fancy shooter now in Topeka, shot ashes from a cigarette in the mouth of an assistant, taking aim from a mirror.

A young man who can speak seven languages was arrested last night for being drunk and insulting women. He forfeited a \$5 deposit in court today.

A district court jury has awarded a verdict of \$1,654.50 to Mrs. E. W. Crumb of Burlingame, in a suit against the New Hampshire Fire Insurance company.

A man at the circus last night earned a great deal of admiration in his vicinity by threatening to lick the popcorn man who insisted on standing between him and the ring.

A large freckle-faced young man created a great deal of amusement on the side last night by exclaiming in a loud voice, "Well, I'll be gol darned," after each act of the circus.

Dr. Reid Alexander has returned from Galveston, Texas, where he attended the national meeting of railway surgeons. He says the Texas people have entertained down to a fine point.

The Ringling Brothers allow no drunkenness nor gambling on their show grounds, and the employees are not allowed to smoke on the trains, nor in the tents during the performance.

The state school fund commissioners are to advance but \$10,000 on the court house bonds at the first delivery. Forty thousand dollars will be delivered July 1 and the balance on January 1 next.

William Fisher the Kansas City wrestler, who was defeated by Harry Lyman at Hamilton a few weeks ago has challenged Lyman again, on the ground that he was not in good condition on the last occasion.

Don't blame a circus man for lying; he can't help it. A tent hand said that Lundin's dumb bells weighed 1,900 pounds. They weigh less than 200 pounds; a STATE JOURNAL reporter saw them weighed.

THE LITTLE STORE AROUND THE CORNER

SHIVELY, 118 E. 6TH STREET.

Is now offering GREATER INDUCEMENTS THAN EVER IN DRY GOODS. Our selection for the Spring and Summer trade comprises THE MOST BEAUTIFUL PATTERNS IN DRESS GOODS, Novelties in LACES, LACE CURTAINS, EMBROIDERIES, FANS, &c., heretofore displayed. Our assortment of seasonal goods is choice and abundant and will meet your approval both in quality and price.

We have also added a line of Kitchen Ware, to which we call your attention.

THE LITTLE STORE AROUND THE CORNER.

SHIVELY'S, 118 EAST 6TH STREET.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Items of Interest About Topeka People and Visitors in Town.

The following young people met last evening at Miss Henrietta Thompson's home and went to the circus in a party: Misses Lella Parmelee, Marguerite Bradley, Mabel Quigley, Henrietta and Mary Thompson, Nellie McClintock, Bessie Gibson and Nan Emery of Des Moines, Ia.; Messrs. Harry Weaver, C. B. and C. M. Merriam, Will Alexander, Ralph Moore, Julius Weidling, Ned Osborne and Willard Scott.

Col. Roblee Given a Surprise.

Last Saturday evening Colonel M. R. Roblee was given a surprise party which was purely a surprise in every respect. His wife and daughter, Miss Olive, were the executors and the members of Canton No. 3, I. O. O. F., and their wives were invited to spend the evening. They came laden with good things to eat and a jolly good time ensued. Music and games made a variety, and it was late before they sought their homes.

General Social Notes.

The recital to be given by the Philharmonic society Wednesday afternoon at Unity church will begin promptly at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Mrs. J. R. Myers, who has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Sproat, returned to her home at Clay Center today.

The entertainment to have been given by the Scottish society last evening has been postponed indefinitely.

Miss Anna K. Neipe of Carbondale spent yesterday in town.

Miss Marion Willard has gone to St. Louis for a week's visit.

Miss Eleanor Wilson will entertain seven tables at cards Wednesday evening for Miss Minnie Peck of Chicago.

J. W. Fridly has gone to Saratoga, N. Y., to attend the National Presbytery.

O. J. Gauger was up from Carbondale yesterday.

Miss Kate Whiting has gone to Chicago.

The Sorosis club, composed of thirty-five high school girls, will picnic at Garfield park Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Randlett and Mrs. A. C. Markley of Carbondale are the guests of Mrs. K. U. Whitted.

H. J. Hartman, P. B. McKee, R. F. McClure and Chas. McClure were up from Carbondale yesterday.

Miss Lou Taylor of Leavenworth will arrive Wednesday to visit Miss Eleanor Wilson.

C. H. Willard of Concordia was in town yesterday.

A young man and woman while rowing on Soldier creek Sunday afternoon upset and created quite a sensation.

E. J. Goodman of St. Joe is in town for a few days.

Mrs. James Griffin entertained her Bible class in the Congregational Sunday school last Friday evening.

Mrs. D. H. Scott, who formerly lived in Topeka, has been for the past year in Oklahoma City, will spend the summer here and is at home at 307 Harrison street.

Mrs. Simmons and daughters, Miss Stella and Mrs. John Spillner, spent Sunday in Osage City. They were accompanied home by Mrs. W. R. Simmons and daughter.

Mrs. Edwin McCaffrey of Indianapolis is visiting Mrs. Wm. Russell.

The T. V. club will meet Thursday evening.

Miss Mary Gardner of Osage City is visiting in town.

Miss Maud Kepley of Fort Scott will be the guest of Miss Myrtle Davis next week.

Mrs. A. T. Daniels entertained the Atlantic club this afternoon.

S. J. Miner has gone to Morganville, Kan., to conduct a series of evangelistic meetings.

Miss May Thomas is expected home today from a visit in the south.

Mrs. Geo. Sharritt and father, Col. W. M. Fortescue, are in Excelsior Springs.

Mrs. A. R. Duckworth of San Bernardino, Cal., is spending several weeks in the city.

Mrs. J. T. Stevenson, who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. A. Cummings, at 419 Madison street, has returned to her home in Sioux City, Ia.

Chas. Blood Smith is spending a few days in Wichita.

There will be several box parties at the Yaw concert tonight.

Mrs. M. A. Hamilton and children, are the guests of Capt. and Mrs. S. Gunther.

Miss Alice Corum of Osage City, a former Bethany student, is visiting in the city.

H. C. Streeter and B. F. Sim, are spending several days in Wichita.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Jewell are visiting in St. Louis.

Mrs. J. H. Shephard of Wichita is visiting in town.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Wolf and son Melvin arrived today from Sioux City, Iowa, to visit Mrs. M. Levi.

Mrs. H. F. Moore and children of Texas are the guests of Mrs. L. C. Wasson.

Miss Mary Bartlett will entertain a few friends at tea Wednesday evening.

Mr. G. B. Mason has gone to St. Paul, Minn., for a visit of several weeks.

Cheaper Than Ever.

Fine gilded wall paper; the prices will astonish you. Come in and get them at Beckstrom's, 518 Jackson.

Shirts mended by the Peerless.

BICYCLES

RAMBLER, EAGLE ALTAIR, CRESCENT.

KITCHELL & MARBURG.

MAY LAY MEN OFF.

Bridge Building Gang to Be Dismissed and Other Lay Offs Reported.

The men at the Santa Fe shops and repair yards are expecting that some of their number will soon be laid off. No official announcement has been made of an extended lay off, and as neither General Manager Frey, Superintendent of Machinery Player, nor Master Mechanic Smith are in the city, the report can neither be verified nor denied.

In the bridge building department of this division six men have been suspended, and Superintendent of Bridges Peter Sayre has received orders from headquarters to cut down his force as rapidly as the work now on hand will allow to a number barely sufficient to keep the bridges in shape for use. This means the early retirement of at least fifty men.

An employee of the shops said today that he had it from good authority that about fifty men would soon be suspended from the locomotive shops and repair yards. There are now only five engines in the shops for repairs.

ALL ALONG THE LINES.

Railroad News Items Interesting to Railroaders and the Public.

P. E. Cook and Fred Lyman went to St. Joseph today to see what arrangements could be made toward taking the Santa Fe shop excursion to Lake Country in June. If satisfactory arrangements cannot be made there it is probable the excursion will go to Kansas City.

Nearly all the engines on the Santa Fe cut off off of the Baldwin make. The old hogs are going to the southern Kansas division.

Contrary to the announcement, the Rock Island will not begin the work on a short cut from Jansen, Nebraska, to Abilene, Kansas, this summer. The survey has been made and the road has such a step under consideration, but nothing further will be done about it until times get better. The company, it is further said, thinks seriously of building a short line from about Dresden, Kansas, to Denver, which would get into Denver over the Union Pacific road from Limon, Col.

The Santa Fe company is not much worried by the announcement that the Kansas coal miners in the southwestern part of the state contemplate going out on a strike. The Santa Fe's men refused to go into conference with the prospective strikers. They have always been well treated.

Assistant General Manager W. I. Allen of the Rock Island, and General Superintendent A. J. Hitt, went to Kansas City yesterday. Mr. Allen will remain in this vicinity until the Sanders industrial army is well out of the road's way. It still remembers its experience with the commonwealers at Council Bluffs.

The depot on the Missouri Pacific over which there was almost a riot last winter, was moved from Chico to Kipp. Formerly a caboose was used as a depot at Kipp which the woodpeckers had pecked many holes in.

Dr. Harvey of Council Grove, attended the convention of railway surgeons at Galveston last week, taking his family with him.

GROWTH OF THE A. R. U.

It Is Increasing in Kansas But Not in Topeka.

Since the settlement of the Great Northern strike in a manner so satisfactory to the laboring man and so complimentary to the American Railway Union the order has grown in an encouraging way. A STATE JOURNAL reporter asked Harry Chapman, who is a leader in the union in this state, how it was growing here and he answered: "Well, if you mean in Topeka, not very well. We have not been very successful in keeping it alive at this point, and the result is that our membership has steadily dwindled away. So far as the state at large is concerned, however, the increase in the last few weeks has been very flattering, and now the organization numbers among its members nearly eleven hundred Kansas men. It has now seven lodges in the state with memberships as follows: Argentine, 86; Emporia, 285; Newton, 196; Arkansas City, 113; Nickerson, 88; Dodge City, 227; Florence, 60. The trouble with the Topeka lodge is that there are too many other railway organizations to keep up, and the men lost their interest in this particular one. The national union numbers nearly ninety thousand."

COLORED SPORTING EVENT

A Prize Fight Between Tennesseean Pugilists—Four Rounds.

The colored sports of the settlement known as Tennesseean had a big event yesterday afternoon. It was nothing less than a prize fight between "Pete" Jones of Topeka, a pupil of "Kid" Robertson, and Will Ransen, a Wichita colored sport, who works in a club.

The event was spontaneous, and was brought about by a heated argument as to which of the two principals was the better man. The sum of ten dollars a side was quickly raised, the whole \$20 to go to the winner. A ring was formed from somebody's clothesline, and seconds were selected.

Bob Warshaw and Simon Jordan were Jones' seconds, and John Ewing seconded Ransen. Warren Robinson was the time-keeper and Ed Ransen acted in the capacity of referee. Among the 100 colored young men who saw